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ADD MCCONE, NEWPORT

MCCONE WAS PRAISED BY KENNEDY FOR AGREEING ONCE AGAIN TO ENTER THE GOVERNMENT AT WHAT THE PRESIDENT REGARDED AS "A REAL SACRIFICE."

MCCONE SAID HE WAS NOT THINKING OF SACRIFICE, BUT "THE VERY DEFINITE PRIVILEGE" OF SERVING AS HEAD OF THE CIA.

KENNEDY SAID BOTH HE AND DULLES WERE "EXTREMELY PLEASED" BY THE SELECTION OF MCCONE. DULLES CALLED HIM "THE IDEAL CHOICE."

THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT AFTER HIS ELECTION LAST NOVEMBER, DULLES AGREED TO STAY IN HIS POST FOR ONE YEAR. DURING THIS SUMMER, THE PRESIDENT AND THE CIA DIRECTOR, MINDFUL THAT DULLES WOULD LEAVE IN NOVEMBER, SOUGHT TO WORK OUT A PLAN WHEREBY TRANSITION OF COMMAND WOULD BE SMOOTHLY EFFECTED.

DULLES AND MCCONE FLEW HERE FROM WASHINGTON EARLY THIS MORNING, LANDING AT NEARBY QUONSET POINT NAVAL AIR STATION. THEN THEY WERE WHISKED BY HELICOPTER ACROSS NARRAGANSETT BAY TO HAMMARSMITH FARM WHERE THE PRESIDENT AND HIS FAMILY ARRIVED LAST NIGHT FOR A LATE SUMMER HOLIDAY.

AFTER CONFERRING BRIEFLY ON THE ESTATE OF MRS. KENNEDY'S PARENTS, THE PRESIDENT BROUGHT HIS VISITORS TO THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE ABOARD THE WHITE HOUSE YACHT THE HONEY VITZ.

IN ADDITION TO REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS GATHERED IN THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE AUDITORIUM, 300 STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE, ARMED FORCES OFFICERS FROM SEVERAL FOREIGN NATIONS AS WELL AS THE U.S. NAVY, WITNESSED THE CEREMONY.

AT 11:58 A.M. RDT KENNEDY WALKED ONTO THE AUDITORIUM STAGE WITH MCCONE AND DULLES AND SAID HE HAD ONLY ONE ANNOUNCEMENT--THAT HE HAD ASKED MCCONE TO "ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE BOARD."

KENNEDY THEN TOLD HOW HE AND DULLES THIS SUMMER HAD CONFERRED AT LENGTH ON ARRANGING TRANSITION OF THE CIA DIRECTORSHIP "AS SMOOTHLY AND EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE," WITH THE RESULT THAT THEY BOTH AGREED ON MCCONE AS THE BEST CHOICE.